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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, which was mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 18, 1998, in the above-identified patent application, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse, Group I, claim 1, drawn to a method of modulating growth, differentiation, or survival with a hedgehog polypeptide, classified in class 514, subclass 12.

Please amend this application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 and 42-48 are pending. Claims 42-48 have been withdrawn.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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